AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method for the controlled delivery of digital services by a plurality of providers to a user, wherein said services are identified by respective stream of encoded digital data emitted by said plurality of providers and the user is provided with a receiver and a single user unit to receive said digital data streams by said plurality of providers, the receiver being selectively enabled to make use of determined services of a given provider of said plurality, the method comprising the steps of:

incorporating by each of said plurality of providers into said digital data streams a respective enabling algorithm generated by the provider and specific of the provider, to be selectively loaded into the user unit to be associated to said receiver for enabling the use of respective determined services of said plurality of providers,

incorporating into said digital data streams [[a]]respective identifying codes of [[the]] selective users to be enabled to receive said determined services,

selectively loading said enabling algorithm into the user unit of each of the selective users based on the respective identifying codes,

associating to said user unit a processing function capable of recognizing and executing said enabling algorithm by exploiting based on said identifying codes to

enable the receivers of the selective users to make use of said respective determined

services of said plurality of providers.

Claim 2 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, which

comprises the step of configuring said single removable user unit as a movable

processing support uniquely assigned to said users.

Claim 3 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, which

comprises the step of configuring said single removable user unit as a smart card.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, which

comprises the steps of:

associating to said receiver a trusted middleware function,

configuring said trusted middleware function into a static part, residing on

said receiver, and a dynamic part arranged to be selectively transferred onto said single

removable user unit in view of the execution of said respective enabling algorithm by

said processing function.

Claim 5 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, which

comprises the steps of:

configuring said digital data streams as MPEG data streams containing

EMM messages,

inserting said identifying code in to the EMM messages,

activating, through said single removable user unit and upon reception of said respective enabling algorithm, the performance of the following functions:

extracting, reading and deciphering the EMM messages contained in the digital data stream received,

interpreting said identification code contained in the EMM messages,

executing said enabling algorithm by exploiting said identification code.

Claim 6 (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said respective enabling algorithm is incorporated in to a stream of private data within said digital data stream.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein upon reception of said enabling algorithm, said processing function enables said receiver to operation as transmitters to transmit information about the delivery of the service itself.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A system for the controlled delivery of digital services by a plurality of providers to a user, wherein said services are identified by respective coded digital data streams and the user is provided with a receiver and a single removable user unit to receive said digital data streams delivered by said plurality of providers, the receiver being selectively enabled to make use of respective determined services of a given provider, wherein:

each of said plurality of providers is arranged to incorporate into said digital data streams respective enabling algorithm generated by the provider and to be

selectively loaded into the single removable user unit to be associated to said receiver

for enabling use of said respective determined services of said plurality of providers, as

well as [[a]] respective identification code<u>s</u> of [[the]] <u>selective</u> user<u>s</u> to be enabled to

receive said respective determined services, <u>wherein the respective enabling algorithm</u>

<u>is selectively loaded into the user unit of each of the selective users based on the</u>

<u>respective identification codes,</u> and

said single removable user unit has associated thereto a processing

function arranged to recognize and execute said respective enabling algorithm on the

basis of said identifying code, to enable the receiver of the user to make use of said

respective determined services of said plurality of providers.

Claim 9 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said

single removable user unit is configured as a removable processing supports uniquely

assigned to said user.

Claim 10 (Original) The system according to claim 8, wherein said single

removable user unit is configured as a smart card.

Claim 11 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein:

said receiver have associated thereto a trusted middleware function

configured in a static part, residing on said receiver, and in a dynamic part arranged to

be selectively transferred on the single removable user unit in view of the execution of

said respective enabling algorithm by said processing function.

Claim 12 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said service providers emit said digital data streams as MPEG data streams containing EMM messages with said identifying code inserted in said EMM messages, and said receiver comprises:

modules for extracting, reading and deciphering the EMM messages contained in the received digital data stream,

modules for interpreting said identifying code contained in the EMM messages, and

processing modules to execute said at least one respective enabling algorithm on the basis of said identifying code.

Claim 13 (Original) The system according to claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of providers incorporates said respective enabling algorithm into a stream of private data within said digital data streams.

Claim 14 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein the receiver can be activated by said single removable user unit upon reception of said respective enabling algorithm for operation as a transmitter to transmit information about the delivery of the service itself.

Claim 15 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said single removable user unit is configured as a Java Card.